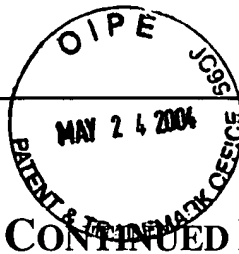


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**REQUEST
FOR
CONTINUED EXAMINATION (RCE)
TRANSMITTAL**

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Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. § 132, effective on May 29, 2000,
provides for continued examination of an utility or
plant application filed on or after June 8, 1995

Application Number	10/003,695
Confirmation Number	2536
Filing Date	December 6, 2001
First Named Inventor	Hiroshi TOYAMA
Group Art Unit	1756
Examiner Name	Mark A. CHAPMAN
Matter Number	Q67628
Title	TONER AND IMAGE FORMING APPARATUS USING THE SAME

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 of the above-identified application.

1. SUBMISSION REQUIRED UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.114

- a. ☒ Previously submitted
- i. ☒ Please enter and consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116
previously filed on December 22, 2003
- ii. ☐ Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on _____
- iii. ☐ Other _____
- b. ☒ Enclosed
- i. ☒ Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114
- ii. ☐ Affidavit(s)/Declaration(s)
- iii. ☐ Information Disclosure Statements (IDS)
- iv. ☒ Petition for Extension of Time
- v. ☐ Other _____

2. MISCELLANEOUS

- a. ☐ Suspension of action on the above-identified application is requested under 37 C.F.R. § 1.103(c) for a
period of _____ Months
- b. ☐ Other _____

3. FEES

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge the statutory filing fee of \$770.00 and any additional required fees (except the Issue/Publication Fees) to our Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account. A duplicate copy of this transmittal letter is also attached.

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Q67628**

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RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.114(c)

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Sir:

Subsequent to the filing of a Notice of Appeal on February 23, 2004, Applicant concurrently herewith submits a Request for Continued Examination (RCE). Please reconsider the application in view of the following remarks.